

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

### **Listing of Claims**

#### Claims 1-7 (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) Filter unit for removing contaminants from a fluid stream, comprising:
  - a thermoplastic support member or housing, a porous filter element and a thermoplastic overmold sealing member,
  - said thermoplastic support member or housing being formed of a first support part and a second support part, each having at least one fluid flow passageway, and at least one thermoplastic overmold flow passageway,
  - said filter element extending over said fluid flow passageway(s), its periphery adjacent to at least one thermoplastic overmold flow passageway and secured to said thermoplastic first and second support parts by said thermoplastic overmold sealing member also being disposed through the thermoplastic overmold flow passageway(s).
9. (Amended) A filter unit according to claim 8 wherein the fluid flow passageway of the first support part forms an inlet to the unit and further comprising means for minimizing obturation of the filter element by male luer fittings, said means being between the inlet and the filter element.
10. (Amended ) A filter unit according to claim 8 further comprising means for centering said filter unit when used in automated applications, said means for centering being formed on an outer surface of at least the first support part.

11. (Amended) A filter unit according to claim 8 further comprising a centering aid for centering said filter unit when used in automated applications, said centering aid being formed on an outer surface of at least the first support part.
12. (Amended) A filter unit according to claim 8 wherein the fluid flow passageway of the first support part is an inlet to the unit and further comprising an anti-obturation plate for minimizing obturation of the filter element by male luer fittings, said anti-obturation plate being positioned between the inlet to the unit and the filter element.
13. (New) A filter unit of claim 8 further comprising at least one aperture at an inner end of the thermoplastic overmold flow passageway(s).
14. (New) A filter unit of claim 8 further comprising at least one aperture at an inner end of the thermoplastic overmold flow passageway(s) and the thermoplastic sealing member also being disposed in the aperture.
15. (New) A filter unit of claim 8 further comprising at least one aperture at an inner end of the thermoplastic overmold flow passageway(s) and the thermoplastic sealing member also being disposed in the aperture in the form of a rivet.